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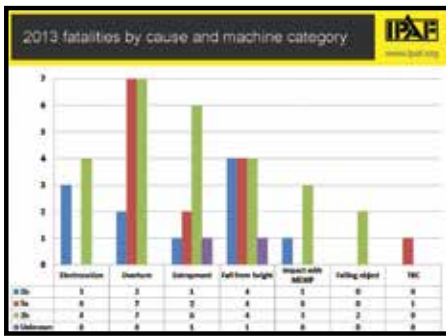
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Better accident reporting boosts data

Preliminary results from IPAF's voluntary accident database reveal that the industry is reporting more accidents involving aerial work platforms. Last year there were 53 fatalities worldwide, of which the main causes were overturning (16), falls from height (13), entrapment (10), electrocution (seven), impact with an aerial work platform (four) and falling objects (two). In one case, the cause of the fatality was not known.



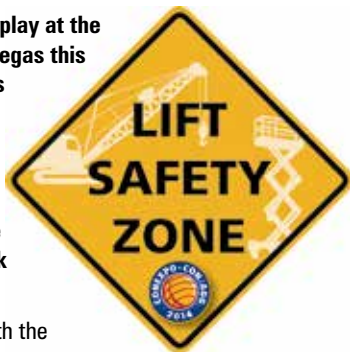
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Almost half of the number of reported fatalities involved self-propelled boom lifts (49%), 14 involved scissor lifts (26%) and 11 involved vehicle mounted lifts (21%). In two cases the type of machine involved was not known (4%). 30 fatalities occurred in the USA, while three fatalities were each reported in Germany, Spain and the UK. A further two fatalities occurred each in Belgium, Canada, France and the Netherlands, while Armenia, Australia, Ireland, Malaysia, Norway and in the Middle East all reported a fatality.

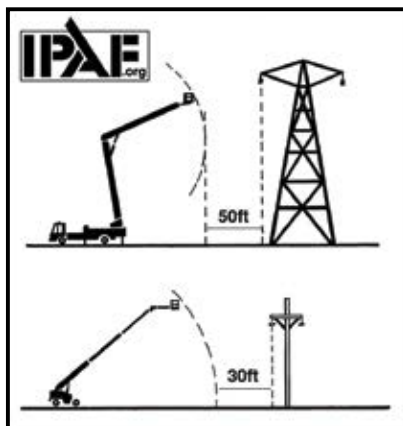
IPAF technical officer Chris Wraith said: "It will be at least 2016/17 before any realistic year-on-year comparison on the frequency of accidents can be of value. The comparative figures presented are for information only and do not in any way suggest an increase in the number of aerial work platform-related fatalities from 2012 to 2013. They are more an indication that the awareness and success of the project is growing. Powered access is probably the safest way of performing temporary work at height."

Beware of electrocution risks

IPAF will be featuring a dynamic display at the Lift Safety Zone at Conexpo in Las Vegas this March. Drawing on data from IPAF's accident reporting project, which indicates that electrocutions are the single largest cause of fatalities to operators in the USA, the live demo will promote the safe and effective use of aerial work platforms near power lines.



IPAF is sharing the Lift Safety Zone with the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and experts from both organisations will be present to provide advice on the safe use of aerial work platforms and cranes, with the help of live machine demonstrations. IPAF staff will also be on hand to answer questions about the operator eLearning module and the AWP's for Managers training course, as well as to provide a full range of technical guidance, videos, stickers, posters and educational tools.



Operators must keep a minimum safe distance between overhead power lines and the closest point of the AWP when fully extended

IPAF is also holding a series of meetings during the week, including the IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee Meeting on 7th March at 10am. Watch for details at www.ipaf.org/events

UKCG guidance sets minimum standards

IPAF has fully endorsed the UKCG MEWP Good Practice Toolkit published by the UK Contractors Group this January.

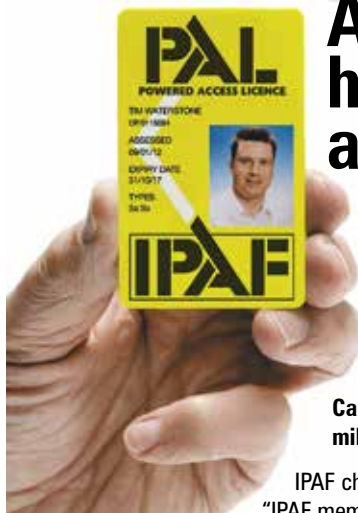
The document provides guidance on how its members should manage the use of aerial work platforms on their sites. It covers legal compliance, procedures, statutory regulations and Health & Safety Executive (HSE) guidance, and should be seen as a minimum standard for specifying, managing and operating aerial work platforms on site.



The UKCG MEWP Good Practice Toolkit is available at the Publications section of www.ipaf.org

Almost half million active cards

A total of 127,365 people were trained by IPAF-approved training centres in 2013, an increase of 12.8 percent compared to 2012. Of this number 121,744 were PAL Card operator licences, taking the number of valid PAL Cards in use to almost half a million worldwide.



IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "IPAF members and training centres are to be congratulated for the continuing the success of these industry-led voluntary training programmes and safety initiatives. We anticipate that we will have half a million valid PAL Cards sometime this year. Projects recently launched, such as the global rollout of management courses, the introduction of PAL+ advanced operator training and the eLearning module, promise exciting times for IPAF and the industry."

Don't miss booking your ticket to Windsor

Places for the IPAF Summit and International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) on April 3rd in Windsor are filling up fast.

If you haven't already booked your dinner ticket, do so by the end of February to benefit from the early bird rate. The event details are at: www.iapa-summit.info